

## CLAIMS:

1. A device adapted to disseminate vaporous material into an atmosphere by means of forced ventilation acting on an evaporation surface supplied with a liquid volatile material that is vaporised thereby, the evaporation surface (6) being essentially planar and having an orientation generally parallel to the direction of the forced ventilation.  
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2. A device according to claim 1, in which the evaporation surface (6) is generally horizontal and located beneath the flow of the forced ventilation.  
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3. A device according to claim 1 or claim 2, in which the surface comprises undulations.
4. A device according to claim 1 or claim 2, in which there is raised on the planar surface at least one flat vane (10), which is essentially perpendicular to the surface (6) and which extends across the surface in the direction of the air flow.  
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5. A device adapted to disseminate vaporous material into an atmosphere, comprising the following elements:
  - (a) an electrically-driven fan (8), fitted with a housing (1) that is constructed so that the fan blows a current of air horizontally through an exit port (2) into the atmosphere;  
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  - (b) a reservoir (4) of volatile liquid for evaporation into the atmosphere, the reservoir having an upper orifice substantially completely blocked by an essentially planar, essentially horizontal evaporation surface (6), reservoir and housing cooperating such that the current of air blows across the evaporation surface as it moves towards the exit port; and  
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  - (c) means (7) of transferring liquid from the reservoir to the evaporation surface.
6. A device according to claim 4, in which at least one vane (12) is adapted to be rotated from a position parallel to the gas flow to a flow-blocking position transverse to the flow.  
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7. A method of disseminating into an atmosphere a volatile liquid whose presence is desired there, comprising
- (a) the provision of a gas flow into the atmosphere;
- (b) the location of an essentially planar evaporation surface (6) in relation to the gas flow, such that the flow is across the surface and essentially parallel to it; and
- (c) the provision to the evaporation surface of a supply of volatile liquid.